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USING PERSISTENT SCHEMA-LESS
DATA STORAGE**

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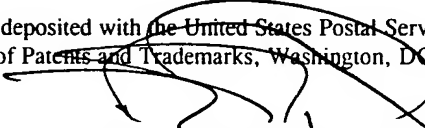
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Preliminary Amendment

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows. Markups reflecting changes made to the specification are attached.

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AI This application claims the benefit of United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/324,037, filed September 21, 2001, entitled "Methods and Apparatus for Real-Time Business Visibility Using Persistent Schema-Less Data Storage" and U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/291,185, filed on May 15, 2001, entitled "Methods and Apparatus for Enterprise Application Integration." This application is also a continuation-in-part of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/917,264, filed July 27, 2001, entitled "Methods and Apparatus for Enterprise Application Integration." The teachings of all of the foregoing applications are incorporated by reference.

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A further understanding of the operation of the framework server 116 may be attained by reference to the appendix filed with United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/917,264, filed July 27, 2001, and entitled "Methods and Apparatus for Enterprise Application Integration," which appendix is incorporated herein by reference. Likewise, the content of Figure 4 and the subparts hereof may be discerned from a more legible copy thereof filed with aforesaid United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/917,264, filed July 27, 2001, and entitled "Methods and Apparatus for Enterprise Application Integration," which Figure and subparts are incorporated herein by reference.